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Diarylcyloalkyl derivatives, process for

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Response to Office Action

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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed 02/15/06. According to the Examiner, the English translation of DE10308353.7 submitted by Applicant with the paper mailed August 22, 2005, was not made of record in accordance with 37 CFR 1.55. Specifically, while Applicant filed a translation of DE10308353.7, Applicant did not file the translation together with the required statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate. Therefore, the 35 USC 102(a) rejection of Claims 1-12 was maintained. Applicant herewith submits the translation together with the required statement that the translation of the certified copy is accurate. Applicant asserts that this submission is sufficient to overcome the 35 USC 102(a) rejection of Claims 1-12.

In view of the submission and remarks contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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